



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5469***

LCO No. 2080



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING BEAR HUNTING.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2018*) (a) Any person who takes  
2       bear in violation of this part shall (1) for a first offense, be fined not  
3       more than seven hundred fifty dollars, of which five hundred dollars  
4       of the fine imposed may not be remitted or reduced by the court unless  
5       the court states on the record its reasons for remitting or reducing such  
6       fine, or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both, and the  
7       Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall suspend  
8       such person's hunting license for a period of not less than one year, (2)  
9       for a second offense, be fined not more than one thousand dollars, of  
10      which seven hundred fifty dollars of the fine imposed may not be  
11      remitted or reduced by the court unless the court states on the record its  
12      reasons for remitting or reducing such fine, or imprisoned not more than  
13      six months, or both, and the commissioner shall permanently revoke  
14      such person's hunting license, and (3) for a third or subsequent offense,  
15      be fined not more than two thousand dollars, of which one thousand  
16      dollars of the fine imposed may not be remitted or reduced by the court  
17      unless the court states on the record its reasons for remitting or reducing  
18      such fine, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

19 (b) Nothing in this section shall prevent the commissioner from  
20 designating an open season on the hunting of bear pursuant to this  
21 part.

22 Sec. 2. Section 26-80a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
23 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

24 (a) Any person who takes moose [or bear] in violation of this part  
25 shall (1) for a first offense, be fined not more than five hundred dollars  
26 or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both, and the  
27 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall suspend  
28 such person's hunting license for a period of not less than one year, (2)  
29 for a second offense, be fined not more than seven hundred fifty  
30 dollars or imprisoned not more than three months, or both, and the  
31 commissioner shall suspend such person's hunting license for a period  
32 of not less than two years, and (3) for a third or subsequent offense, be  
33 fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than  
34 six months, or both, and the commissioner shall permanently revoke  
35 such person's hunting license.

36 (b) Nothing in this section shall prevent the commissioner from  
37 designating an open season on the hunting of moose [and bear]  
38 pursuant to this part.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	26-80a

***Statement of Purpose:***

To increase the penalties for illegally taking a bear.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*